

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph at page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the present invention, a small particle LDL is defined as a LDL with a ~~low~~ high specific gravity among LDLs and with a higher association with arteriosclerosis clinically than other LDLs. Preferably, the small particle LDL has a specific gravity range greater than the median point within the range of specific gravity for LDLs. More preferably, the small particle LDL is a LDL with the specific gravity in the range of 1.040-1.063.